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For: PASSAGEWAY STRUCTURE OF DISHWASHER

: Group Art Unit: 1746

: Examiner: Frankie L. STINSON

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
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Sir:

Applicants prepared and filed an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application on January 21, 2004. However, it appears that the Patent Office issued a Notice of Allowance on the same date, January 21, 2004.

Applicants would like to ensure that the references enclosed with the January 21, 2004 IDS are considered in this application. To that end, Applicants prepared and filed a Supplemental IDS herewith, in which Applicants pay the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). No new references are submitted. Applicants are simply refiling the same references with the fee to ensure the references are considered.

A copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was filed with both the Information Disclosure Statements is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the of disclosed information by initialing the enclosed form and returning it to the undersigned.

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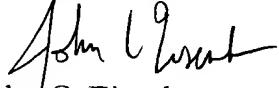
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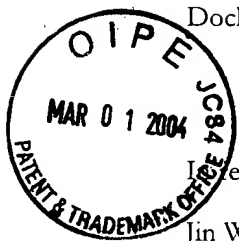
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. One copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the indicated date. Applicant reserves the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered. This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, that information cited in the statement is considered to be and/or is material to patentability, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that was cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. §120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

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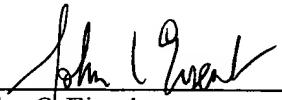
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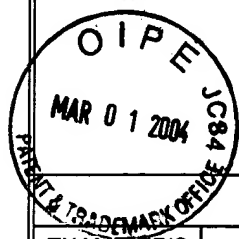

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